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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 May 2008.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) 7 is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)

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4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) Notice of Informal Patent Application

6) Other: _____

1. Applicant's election with traverse of Group I, claims 1-6 in the reply filed on 5/23/2008 is acknowledged. Claim 7 has been withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim.

The traversal is on the ground(s) that "claims of the present invention would appear to be part of an overlapping search area" and "a search and examination of the entire application would not place a serious burden on the Examiner". This is not found persuasive because because the inventions are independent and distinct from each other and because examination of each invention will necessitate disparate searches which would clearly pose a burden.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The phrases "capable of forming a three-dimensional image" in claims 1-5 and "a three-dimensional image is observed..." in claim 6 are confusion and indefinite because those phrases have no clean meaning as to how are images on the package can form a three-dimensional image? In claim 2, the phrases "capable of forming a three-dimensional image" and "one of the images" appear double recitations of claim 1. In claim 6, the phrase "the center" lacks proper antecedent basis.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless —

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

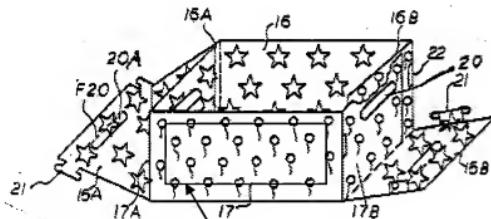
(c) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by The Japanese Publication No. 07-232770 to Shigeta. Shigeta discloses a package (1) comprising images (2) disposed on the package with one of the images is disposed on one surface of at least two surfaces of the package and the other of the images is disposed on the other surface of the package (Figures 1-2). The images on the package of Shigeta are inherently capable of forming a three-dimensional image by becoming a pair. As to claim 3, Shigeta discloses a first package comprises images and a second package comprises images (2). As to claim 4, Shigeta discloses the package comprises a hexahedron having six surfaces (Figure 1).

6. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hollander (6,431,359). Hollander discloses a package (12) comprising images (Figures 1-3) disposed on the package with one of the images is disposed on one surface of at least two surfaces of the package and the other of the images is disposed on the other surface of the package. The images on the package of Hollander are inherently capable of forming a three-dimensional image by becoming a pair.

7. Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Densen (4,953,779). Densen discloses a package (10) comprising images (Figure 1) disposed on the package with one of the images is disposed on one surface of at least two surfaces of the package and the other of the images is disposed on the other surface of the package (Figures 1-6). The images on the package of Densen are inherently capable of forming a three-dimensional image by becoming a pair.

As to claim 6, Densen discloses a figure (see the box below) having a point of symmetry shape is disposed on the outside surface in a manner such that the center of the figure is displaced from the center point of the outside surface



The center of the figure
is displaced from the
center point of the
outside surface (lines are
roughly drawn)

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Luan K. Bui whose telephone number is 571-272-4552. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mickey Yu can be reached on 571-272-4562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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